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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1723**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Ronald Samuel Blackhurst)
Serial No. 09/805,786) Group Art Unit: 1723
Filed: March 13, 2001) Examiner David L. Sorkin
For: BARREL MIXER)

Attn: Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C., 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 9, 2002

Sir:

This is in response to the FINAL Office Action mailed May 9, 2002. The original period of response to the Final Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, a Response to the Office Action is due on or before August 9, 2002, and this Amendment is submitted within that time limit. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please note that this Response is being submitted in a form required under amended rule 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, one (1) sheet containing the marked-up claims corresponding to the substituted claims and one (1) sheet containing the marked-up specification corresponding to the substituted specification are attached hereto.

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